

House Resolution 983

By: Representative Scott of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Praters Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, John Prater is living a dream of making it to the floor of the NCAA Final Four
3 as he and the 44 employees of Praters Inc. of Rossville, Georgia, recently completed
4 construction for the NCAA Men's and Women's Final Fours in Detroit, Michigan, and St.
5 Louis, Missouri; and

6 WHEREAS, the company, which moved its manufacturing plant into Rossville's old Peerless
7 Woolen Mills building two years ago, was commissioned to build the courts through its
8 supplier, Connor Hardwood Courts, the official basketball court provider for the NCAA; and

9 WHEREAS, John Prater began the business in 1991 constructing athletic flooring for
10 Hamilton County schools and the business has taken off from there; and

11 WHEREAS, the largest portable basketball floor facility in the country, Praters' floors
12 include Tennessee Tech, Western Carolina, Appalachian State, Chattanooga, and the
13 University of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, the company has also designed and built courts for the National Basketball
15 Association's Orlando Magic and Atlanta Hawks, former NBA star Chris Webber, the Disney
16 movie "Glory Road," and the 2004 Olympic tournament in Athens, Greece; and

17 WHEREAS, it is most fitting this body recognize the accomplishments of Praters Inc.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize Praters Inc. for its outstanding professional
20 accomplishments and for assisting the economic development, job retention, and job growth
21 for the community, the region, and the state.

- 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to John Prater.